

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**BRINKS
HOFER
GILSON
& LIONE**

Applicant: SHEN ZHAO

Appl. No.: 10/551,533

Title: PROPORTIONAL ROTARY TORQUER

Filed: SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Docket No.: 11955-00008

Conf. No.: 4330

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: KIM, JOHN K.

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☒ Previously submitted:

☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

☒ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on November 21, 2008.

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.

☐ Other: ____.

☐ Attached is/are:

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

☐ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

☐ Other: ____

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. ____/____ and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer desired.

- ☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:
- ☒ A request fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
 - ☐ A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
 - ☐ An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
 - ☒ An extension fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a 1-month extension of time.
- ☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$940.00.
 - ☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
 - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE).

Respectfully submitted,

December 22, 2008

Date

/Matthew T. Ridsdale/

Matthew T. Ridsdale (Reg. No. 56,832)